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Subject: R6 Daily Ops Report (10/8-9/2015); Kaufman residential malathion response and Williams Gas Processing Facility Explosion, Gibson, LA updates
Date: Friday, October 09, 2015 7:57:00 AM

R6 Daily Ops Status Report
Current Status (7:51 AM CDT on 10/9/2015)
Personnel
R1:

Adams

Outposted OSC's

Tel Duty:

Petersen

Houston, TX/Zehner

Available

Available OSC's:

Adams

Bernier

Brescia

Delgado

Delgado

Enders

Fife

Hayes

Martin

McAteer

Moore

Rhotenberry

Rinehart

Smalley

Smith

Todd

Unavailable OSC's:

Foster

Mason

Reported Activities (10/8/2015 12:00:00 AM CDT - 10/9/2015 7:51:00 AM CDT)

Spill Notifications

State

Oil

Haz

Rad

Other

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12

Significant Events

Date: 2015/10/08

Time: 22:40

Type: Spill Report (NRC#: 1130404)

Incident: Williams Gas Processing Facility Explosion, Gibson, LA

Location: GIBSON, LA (TERREBONNE County)

Description: An explosion and fire at the facility killed 3 contract workers and injured 2 more. The incident is believed to have occurred when maintenance work was being conducted on a process unit that was believed to have been purged of product. The facility and nearby residences have been evacuated. FOSC Martin and EPA START contractor activated. LSP, LDEQ and PHMSA are also responding to incident.

10/8/2015 evening update: EPA contractor and FOSC Martin arrived on scene. EPA conducted air monitoring in the community and did measure an elevated reading. The mandatory evacuation was lifted and a voluntary evacuation issued. Many nearby residents sheltered-in-place. EPA also coordinated with other responding agencies. It is expected that EPA will demobilize from the incident the morning of 10/9.

Field Operations

Activity: Malathion residential exposure response

Location: Kaufman TX

Contact: Gary Moore

Start Date: 2015/10/08

Type: Site Assessment

Status: In-Field

Comments: OSC Moore arrived at the hospital at approximately 1430hrs to talk with the hospital and the patient and retrieve the malathion container that was taken to the hospital. OSC Moore interview the patient and he indicated that he was trying to control fleas and purchased the malathion at a local feed store. He indicated that he tried to mix the product correctly. He mixed a 2 gallon container with 3 teaspoons of material which was the correct mixture and he applied it around his travel trailer and the property yard to kill fleas (the product label does not list control of fleas as a proper use). He also mixed up a batch in a quart sprayer and indicated he put in 2 teaspoons and was applying it within the trailer to kill fleas on his flooring which is a mixture of carpet and vinyl (the product label says it is for outdoor use and also does not list control of fleas as a proper use). The patient indicated that he planned to do the cleanup and did not want EPA to do the cleanup. The EPA Team arrived at the residence at approximately at approximately 1600hrs and began investigating the area. The trailer had been ventilating since 0630 hrs. The EPA Team did not detect in odors from within the trailer or the property. We did detect the malathion within the sprayers which had about 0.5 gallons left in the 2 gallon sprayer that was used to spray the yard and about 14 ounces left in the 16 ounce hand spray bottle that was used to spray the inside of the trailer. The team entered the trailer to conduct air monitoring with the AP2Ce and did not detect any malathion product. The AP2Ce has a detection in the ppb range. The property owner was advised to continue to allow the trailer to ventilate. The EPA team plans to return to the site next week and do a final screening with the windows and doors closed to see any difference in the reading. Additional screening equipment will be determined. The EPA Team will determined acceptable homeowner cleanup strategies to assist the homeowner in the cleanup. The EPA coordinated with the

Regional Pesticides Office, Texas Department of Agriculture, Kaufman County Emergency Manager.

Exercises

No exercises for this reporting period

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